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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ji-Young Jang, et al.  
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Group Art Unit: 1764  
Examiner: Virginia Manoharan  
Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ACETIC ACID  
RECOVERY DURING TEREPHTHALIC ACID  
PRODUCTION**

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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed May 23, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following Amendments thereto and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.